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TISSUE-SPECIFIC EXPRESSION
OF A BLOOD COAGULATION
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Sir:

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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

The relevance of French Patent No. 2 763 959-A1 is provided in the abstract of WO 98/55639, which relies on French Patent No. 2 763 959-A1 for priority.

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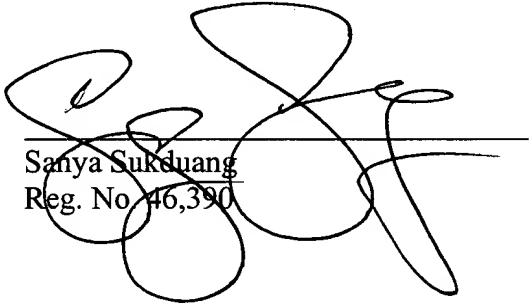
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